

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the claims of the present application are respectfully requested. Applicants observe that the Examiner has indicated that the application contains claims directed to the following alleged patentably distinct species:

Species A: a secondary explosive crystal as disclosed in Claim 3.

Species B: method of animated TATB synthesis – either the method of Claims 6 and 7 or the method of Claims 8 and 9.

Species C: an additional binder as disclosed in Claim 11.

As indicated, and in order to be fully responsive to the Species Restriction Requirement imposed in the present Official Action, applicants provisionally elect, without traverse, to prosecute the subject matter in which HMX is employed as the secondary explosive crystals, and where TATB is made using the method of Claims 6 and 7. No binder is required, but if one is needed for this species election, applicants elect a polyacrylic elastomer as the binder. Applicants respectfully observe that Claims 1-7 and 10-11 are readable upon the elected species. Applicants submit that Claim 1 is generic and, as such, reserve their right to have the non-elected species rejoined in the present application if generic Claim 1 is found to be allowable.

Wherefore, reconsideration and allowance of all the claims of the present application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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